



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Darlington High

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Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1,239

Principal: Pearl Jeffords

Superintendent: Dr. Rainey H. Knight

Board Chair: Dr. Allem McCutcheon

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Good	Excellent	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	Good	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	3	13	3	2

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are High Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	58.3%	71.6%	68.5%	70.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	21.6%	14.4%	17.5%	15.7%
Passed no subtests (%)	20.1%	14.0%	14.0%	13.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	95.4%	91.8%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

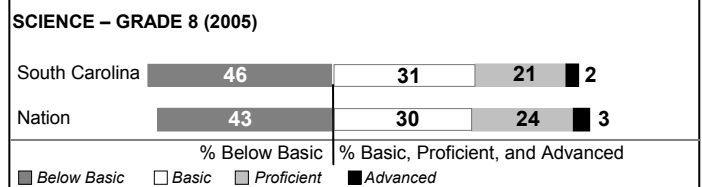
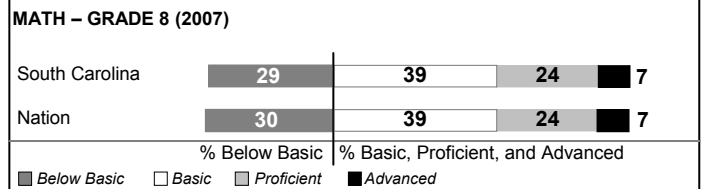
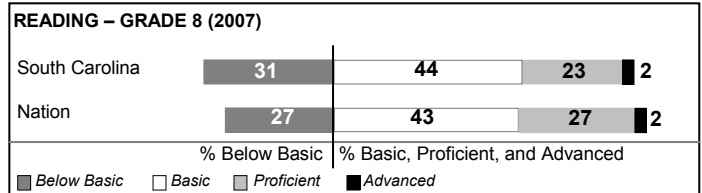
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	219	166
Number of Diplomas	183	120
Rate (%)	83.6%	74.3%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	50.8%	63.9%
English 1	51.3%	50.8%
Physical Science	34.0%	37.2%
All Tests	45.1%	49.2%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,239)				
Retention rate	10.5%	Down from 11.9%	6.7%	6.1%
Attendance rate	92.9%	Up from 92.4%	94.1%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	5.6%	Up from 3.9%	7.2%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	21.7%	Down from 21.8%	14.5%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	1.2%	Up from 0.5%	1.2%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	7.2%	Up from 6.2%	5.5%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	27.7%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	21.2%	Down from 31.4%	25.8%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	2.1%	Up from 0.1%	4.5%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	Down from 2.2%	5.3%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	700	Up from 479	500	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	62.3%	Down from 73.9%	74.4%	79.6%
Teachers (n=82)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	41.5%	Up from 39.8%	50.0%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	63.4%	Up from 62.7%	63.3%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	26.0%	Up from 23.4%	12.1%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	72.2%	Down from 75.1%	80.4%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 95.2%	95.8%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$44,716	Up 8.3%	\$45,626	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	9.8%	Up from 6.6%	7.2%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.7 to 1	Up from 22.7 to 1	24.0 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.7%	Up from 83.1%	89.0%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,848	Down 10.3%	\$7,744	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	59.0%	Down from 60.1%	52.9%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	60.8%	Down from 62.4%	59.6%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Below Average	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	N/A	Average
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%		85.2%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	71	159	97
Percent satisfied with learning environment	85.9%	66.0%	75.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	85.7%	74.7%	61.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	49.3%	83.4%	74.7%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2007-2008 school year was extremely successful for Darlington High School. We were the proud recipients of the Palmetto Silver Award for our improvement on state level testing and graduation rate. Academics were again in the forefront this year for students at Darlington High School. Graduates received over \$600,000.00 in scholarships and nine students received incentive rewards for their scores on the SAT exam.

The Honors College Magnet Program had a successful induction year with 16 students graduating with college level credits and 10 underclassmen beginning the program this year.

We initiated the Leadership class which focused on building leadership skills through real life experiences. Students from the class worked in the community by volunteering in programs such as the local food banks, medical clinic, and women's shelter. They also did community service work at the school level.

Student Council had a busy school year. This organization performed community service by collecting money for the Pennies for Patients Program, blood drives, and Habitat for Humanity. One member of the council was also selected to represent the district at the state level.

The JROTC joined in the community service programs by placing flags on veteran graves on Memorial Day and sponsoring a Veterans Day Program.

The teachers at Darlington High focused on Literacy as their staff development initiative. The library promoted this program with Short Story and Poetry competitions.

The Social Studies department sponsored a visit to the school by one of the leading presidential candidates. The social studies students organized a school-wide assembly program in which the candidate answered student generated questions and outlined his campaign platform.

Outside the classroom, students were also successful in extracurricular areas. The Darlington High School Band Drumline won numerous state level competitions. The boys and girls basketball teams went to regional playoffs with the girls team winning in the region. The boys track team had one student winning at the state level and our girls softball team won the state championship. With the addition of our new state of the art track and stadium, we look forward to winning numerous championships in the future.

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